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SUBJECT: ACTING SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH FRG

AMBASSADOR CONCERNING CSCE AND MBFR

1. SUMMARY -- FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN TOOK THE OCCASION OF AN INITIAL CALL ON THE ACTING SECRETARY ON MAY 16 TO RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH CSCE AND MBFR. VON STADEN REFERRED TO REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO DECIDE ON THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASE OF CSCE AT THE SAME TIME AND ASKED FOR MR. RUSH' S COMMENTS. HE EMPHASIZED IN THIS CONNECTION THE HIGH IMPORTANCE  
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WHICH THE FRG ATTRIBUTES TO CSCE. ON MBFR HE SAID THAT MINISTER BAHR DURING THE BRANDT VISIT HAD LEARNED OF US CALCULATIONS ACCORDING TO WHICH THE INCLUSION OF HUNGARY IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS WOULD RESULT IN COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CEILINGS. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY AMERICAN POSITION TO DECIDE ON THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASE OF CSCE AT THE SAME TIME. HE INDICATED THAT THE INCLUSION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SOVIET FORCES IN HUNGARY IN THE MBFR CALCULATIONS WOULD LEAD TO SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS AND UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN FOR VON STADEN STATISTICAL ANALYSES ON THIS ISSUE. END SUMMARY

2. VON STADEN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FROM REPORTS EMANATING, HE THOUGHT, FROM THE NATO CAUCUS IN HELSINKI,

THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO DECIDE ON THE TIMING OF THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASE OF CSCE AT THE SAME TIME. IN THE FRG'S VIEW IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND PHASE BEFORE DECIDING ON THE DETAILS OF THE THIRD PHASE. VON STADEN ADDED THAT THE FRG HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT HOLDING THE SECOND PHASE OF CSCE IN HELSINKI. THE GERMANS FELT THAT IF SOME FORM OF PERMANENT BODY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF CSCE IT SHOULD NOT BE LOCATED IN HELSINKI. THEIR CONCERN WAS THAT IF THE SECOND PHASE TOOK PLACE THERE THIS WOULD ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT WHICH COULD LEAD EVENTUALLY TO IRRESISTIBLE PRESSURE FOR THE PERMANENT BODY ALSO TO BE ESTABLISHED THERE.

3. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD OF A US PREFERENCE TO DECIDE ON THE DETAILS OF THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASE OF CSCE AT THE SAME TIME. ON THE QUESTION OF LOCATION, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE NEEDED TO BE A LINKAGE BETWEEN WHERE PHASE TWO WAS HELD AND WHERE A POSSIBLE PERMANENT BODY MIGHT BE LOCATED. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, WAS AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT BODY. VON STADEN SAID THAT THE FRG SHARED THIS OPPOSITION. NONETHELESS THERE WERE CERTAIN TENDENCIES DEVELOPING IN EUROPE IN THIS DIRECTION. THE FRG WAS OPPOSED TO A PERMANENT BODY LEST IT GIVE THE SOVIET UNION

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